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The Struggle for Civil Rights in Grand Rapids***
By Randal Jelks, 2006
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Vietnamese in West Michigan***
By GR Historical Commission, 2004
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Potawatomi and Ojibway of Michigan***
By James Clifton et. al., 1986
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By Gaspar F. Ancona, 2001
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the Photography of Brian Kelly*** 2000
M977.456 K295g

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Grand Rapids Contribution 1895-1915***
By Don Marek, 1987
M749.213 M334a (Reference Only)

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By WOOD-TV 8, 2007
Michigan DVD 92Ford (Reference Only)

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Appointment with History***
A DVD by Mike Grass and Rob Byrd, 2004
DVD Biography Ford, Gerald R.

Grand Rapids Made
A video by William Jamerson in association
with Central Michigan University Public
Broadcasting, 1998
VHS 749.21 Grand: 3/99

Voices from the Rapids
A video by Paul M. Shope and the Grand
Rapids Historical Commission, 1995
VHS 977.456 Voices

Young Readers – Nonfiction

Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum
By Amy Margaret, 2004
j973.925092 M336g

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By April Donaker, et. al. Project Coordinator,
Gordon L. Olson, 2003
j977.456 G762ip

***Penrod's New Home: a Story about the
Grand Rapids Children's Museum***
By Georgia Gietzen, 2000
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By Jonathan Rand, 2007
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By Christopher Paul Curtis, 2000
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By Carol Fenner, 1998 (Grand Rapids
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By Thomas Logan, 2004
977.456 L828a

Mathias Alten: Journey of an American Painter

By Grand Rapids Art Museum, 1998
759.13 AL79m

Artists of Grand Rapids 1840-1980

By J. Sweeney Gray, 1981
M759.174 Sw35a

Outdoor Sculpture in Grand Rapids

By Fay Hendry, 1980
730.973 H385o: 11/83

Autobiography and Memoir

Thin Ice: Coming of Age in Grand Rapids

Edited by Reinder VanTil and
Gordon Olson, 2007
977.456 T348

Stealing Buddha's Dinner 2007

Biography Nguyen, Bich Minh

Sailing Grace

By John Otterbacher, 2007
910.4 Ot85

Growing Up in Old Lithuanian Town

By Edward Gillis, 2000
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A Time to Heal: the Autobiography of Gerald R. Ford 1979

Biography Ford, Gerald R.

The Yesterdays of Grand Rapids

By Charles Belknap, 1922
977.456 B412: 2/91

Fiction Set in Grand Rapids

Murder on Sacred Ground (A Reverend Calvin Turkstra Mystery)

By Christopher H. Meehan, 2006
Mystery Meehan

Death Goes Dutch

By Albert A., Bell Jr., 2005
Mystery Bell

Furniture Industry

Strike: How the Furniture Workers Strike of 1911 Changed Grand Rapids

By Jeffrey Kleiman, 2006
331.8929774 K672s

Grand Rapids Furniture: the Story of America's Furniture City

By Christian Carron, 1998
749.21 C237g

General History

Heart and Soul: the Story of Grand Rapids Neighborhoods

By Linda Samuelson et al., 2003
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Grand Rapids A City Renewed: History Since WW II

By Gordon Olson, 1996
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Grand Rapids Goes to War: the 1940s Homefront

By Richard Harms and Robert Viol, 1993
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A Grand Rapids Sampler

By Gordon Olson, 1992
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The Story of Grand Rapids

By Z.Z. Lydens, 1966
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Poetry

The Ripening of Pinstripes

By Rodney Torreson, 1998 (Poet Laureate of Grand Rapids 2007-2008)
811.54 T636r

My Father on a Bicycle

By Patricia Clark, 2005 (Poet Laureate of Grand Rapids 2005-2006)
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By Linda Nemec Foster (Poet Laureate of Grand Rapids 2003-2004)
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By Julie Christianson Stivers, 2004
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By James D. Bratt and Christopher H. Meehan, 1993
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By Thomas R. Dilley, 2007
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By Thomas R. Dilley, 2005
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Vintage Grand Rapids: A Kaleidoscope of Photographs Vol. 1

By the Grand Rapids Press, 2006
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By Lynn Mapes, 1976
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By Geo. E. Fitch, 1986
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